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In re Application of:

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STATUS INQUIRY REGARDING APPLICATION ACCORDED "SPECIAL" STATUS

The last communication Applicants received in the aboveidentified application was the Order dated May 12, 1998 (Paper No. 36) remanding this application to the Examiner Group. this application has been accorded "SPECIAL" status, Applicants request immediate action as ordered by the Board. (Paper No. 36 at 11).

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Respectfully submitted,

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